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SUBJECT: GOB RAISES POSSIBILITY OF VETERINARY AGREEMENT

VIENNA FOR DR. ANDERSON

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1. DURING COURSE OF CALL ON MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE TO PREPARE AIE TRADE MISSION, CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SECTION OF MINISTRY SUGGESTED THAT TIME WAS RIPE FOR BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON VETERINARY AND SANITATION PROCEDURES. MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID THAT SUCH AGREEMENT WOULD "DO MUCH" TO FACILITATE SALES OF US LIVESTOCK TO BULGARIA.

2. FOLLOWING DAY SAME SUGGESTION MADE TO EMBOFF BY MINISTRY FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIAL WHO SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD SUCH AN AGREEMENT WOULD BE USEFUL TO GOB IN ORDER TO CLARIFY BOTH COUNTRIES PROCEDURES REGARDING EXPORT AND IMPORT OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ON HOW SUCH SUGGESTIONS SHOULD BE HANDLED.

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BULGARIA HAS IMPORTED SIZEABLE NUMBERS OF BREED

CATTLE FROM US IN PAST TWO YEARS AND OBVIOUSLY HOPES
TO PURCHASE MORE IN FUTURE (REFTEL). AT SAME TIME WE
SUSPECT SUGGESTION FOR AGREEMENT MAY BE TIED TO EX-
PECTED SALES OF CANNED BULGARIAN PORK PRODUCTS TO
US IN COMING MONTHS. BULGARS MAY FEEL THAT GOVERN-
MENT TO GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT WILL FACILITATE MEETING
UDDA AND FDA REQUIREMENTS.
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